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1. The Chinese Communists have made efforts to obtain raw rubber by cultivation of rubber-bearing plants and by developing the manufacture of synthetic rubber. These attempts to date have been inadequate. Consequently they still must rely heavily on rubber imports. The difficulties of importing rubber, the rising price of raw rubber, and the increased demand for articles made from rubber has caused the supply of raw rubber to fall far short of demand. This is particularly true since 1951 because of the increased military requirements.
2. The Committee of Finance and Economics of the Chinese Communist Government has recently decreed that used rubber must be reclaimed. The 4th National Rubber Factory in Manchuria was the first plant to manufacture reclaimed rubber; after much study and improvement this reclaimed rubber was found to be of good quality.

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